



Docket No.: 826.1771

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Katsuhiko NISHIKAWA

Serial No. 09/987,898

Group Art Unit: 2187

Confirmation No. 7809

Filed: November 16, 2001

Examiner: Hiep T. Nguyen

For: STORAGE SERVICE METHOD, STORAGE SERVICE USER TERMINAL DEVICE,  
STORAGE SERVICE PROVIDING DEVICE, AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING  
STORAGE SERVICE PROGRAM

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated February 8, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows, in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.312 and for the reasons discussed in the accompanying REMARKS.